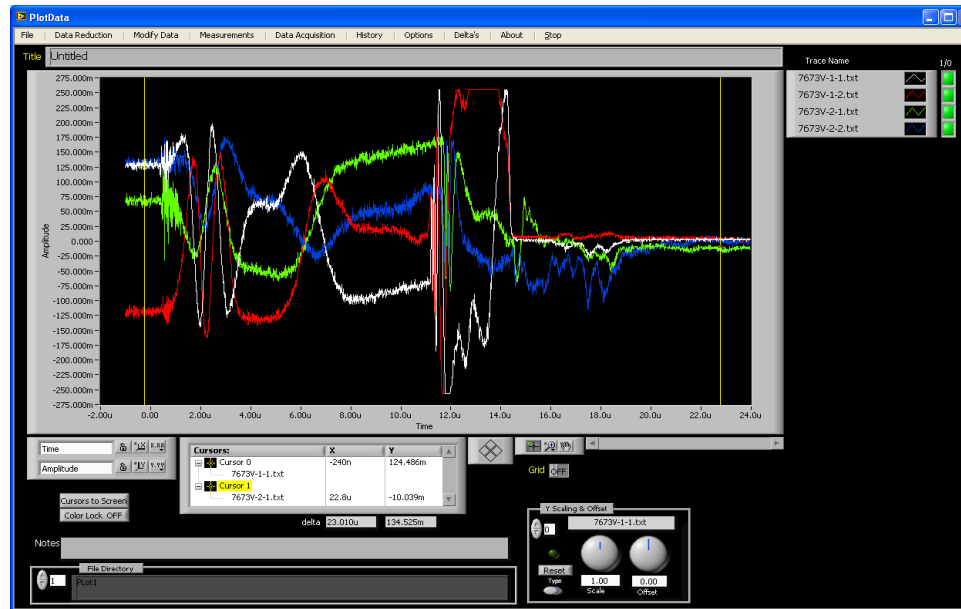


# PlotData software

## Data Acquisition and Waveform Manipulation System



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# Back Ground

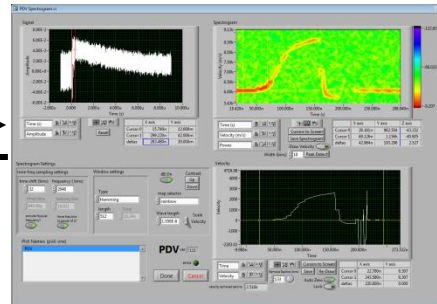
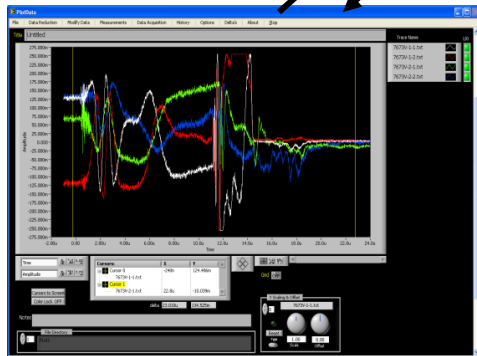
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- **Electronics technician for Sandia for 30 years**
- **Gas Gun Facility, Operated & Maintained, Shock Wave Physics dept.**
- **VISAR, PVDF (Bauer) Gauge Characterization**
- **Programmed with Asyst, LabVIEW 3.0**
- **Explosive Components Facility (ECF) using Carbon and Manganun gauges**
- **PlotData was born**

# PlotData Overview



GPIB  
USB  
Ethernet



PlotData is designed for post-acquisition of waveform data and analysis. PlotData is an advanced interactive data analysis environment. PlotData operates on a National Instruments' LabVIEW™ software platform. Using PlotData, the user can capture waveform data from most digitizing oscilloscopes over a GPIB, USB and Ethernet interface. PlotData can both import and export several types of binary waveform files including, but not limited to, Tektronix .wfm, LeCroy .trc and ASCII xy pair files. Waveform manipulation includes numerous math functions, integration, differentiation, smoothing, truncation, and other specialized data reduction routines such as VISAR, PDV, PVDF (Bauer) piezoelectric gauges, and piezoresistive gauges such as carbon manganin pressure gauges. PlotData has a strip chart recording mode. PlotData retains trace history and can create presentation quality pictures and hard copies.

# Scope Data Acquisition

**Data Acquisition Dialog Box**

Test Title  
WCU DO2 DC1 Current Surge test with 5.11Ohm current limit resistor

Strip Chart Recorder

Channel Name	1/0	Color	Dig Type	Interface Type	Address/Equation	Dig Channel	Comments	[Cursors]	Status
CH1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		LECROY	Ethernet	192.168.2.2	C1	Info		
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**Collect Data**

Delete Last Modified	Delete All	Print
Save Settings	Recall Settings	
Arm Scopes (single)	Force Trigger	
Lock Scopes	UnLock Scopes	

Done

**Data Acquisition Options**

- ☐ Display Data After Collection.
- ☐ Preview Data After Collection.
- ☒ Auto Save Data (.plt) After Collection.
- ☒ Load Digitizer Settings
- ☐ Arm/Trigger/Lock/Monitor All Scopes
- ☐ Collect Data After Trigger
  - ☒ With Dialog
  - ☒ Re-Arm
- ☐ Scope Arm Monitor
  - ☒ Computer Audio
  - ☒ Scope Audio

Find Available Scopes

Show Math Help Delete Backup Files



# File Types

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- **Import File Types**

Auto Detect

PlotData (.plt)

ASCII (.csv)

TDMS (.tdm)

Tektronix (.wfm, .csv, .isf, and .wfa)

LeCroy (.trc)

Sound (.wav)

- **Export File Types**

PlotData (.plt)

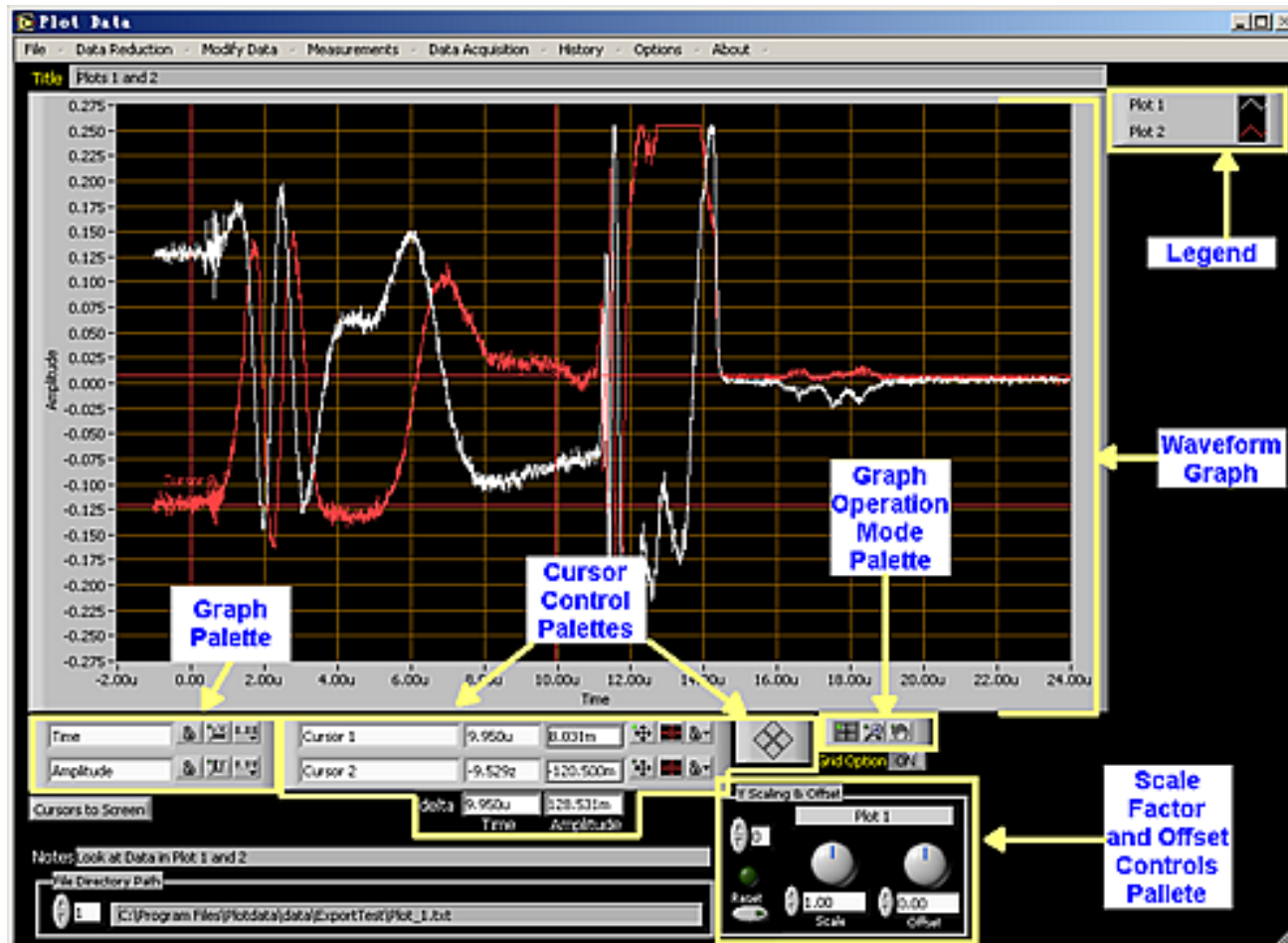
PlotData (.spn) Snap Shot

ASCII XY Pair (.csv)

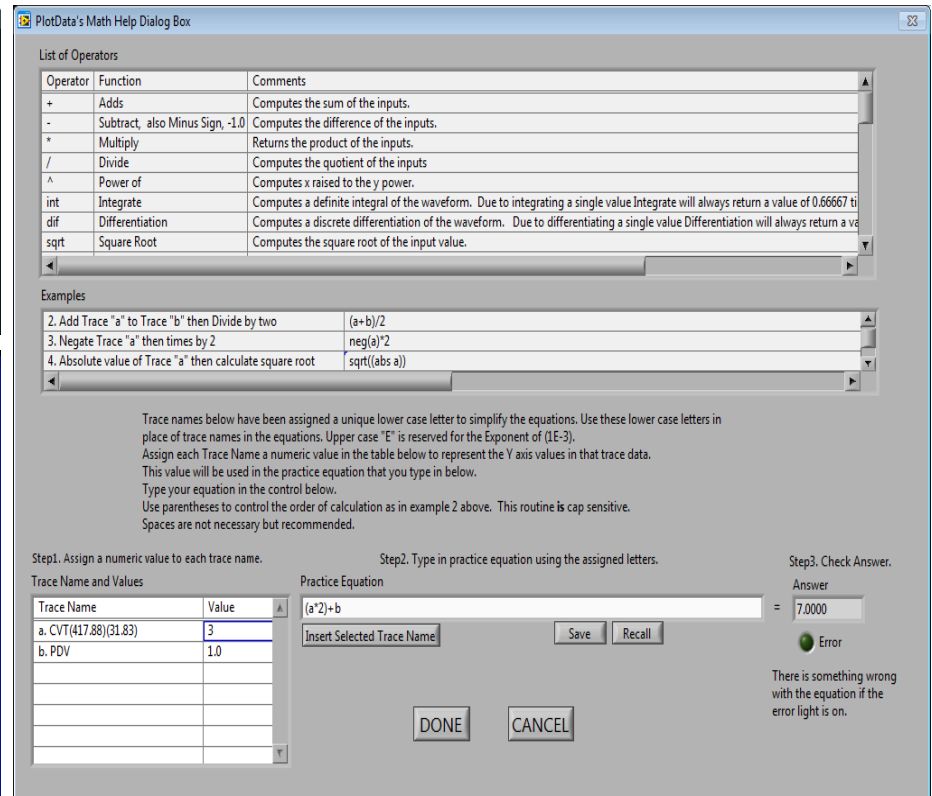
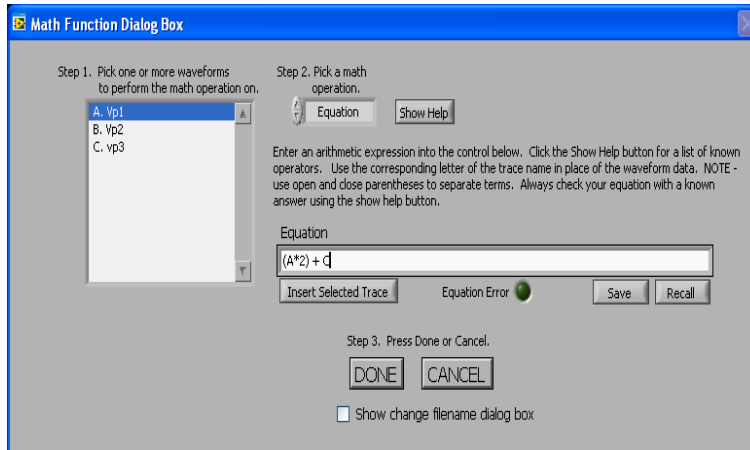
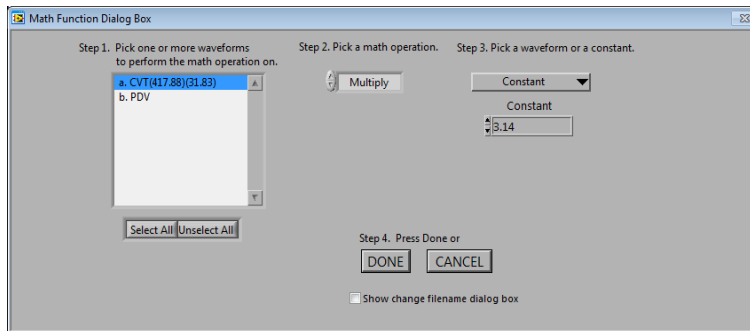
ASCII multi XY Pair (.csv)

Sound (.wav)

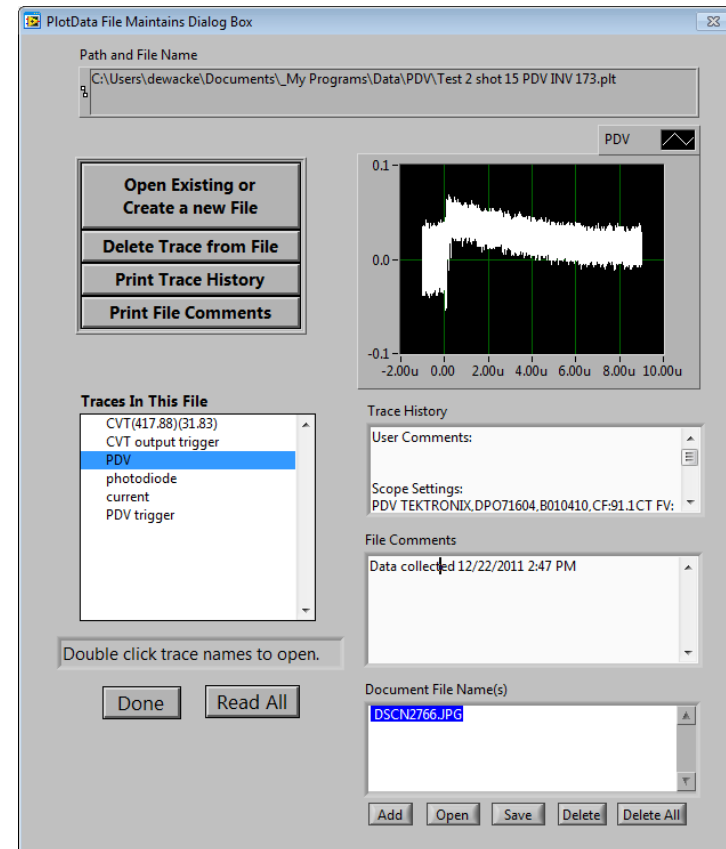
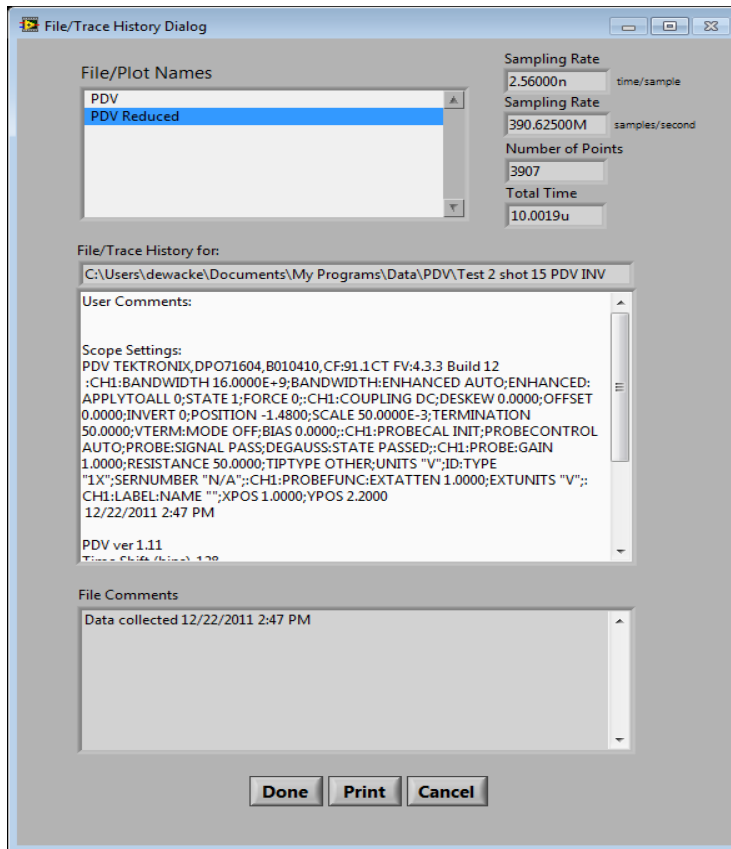
# PlotData Main Screen



# PlotData's Math Function Dialog Box

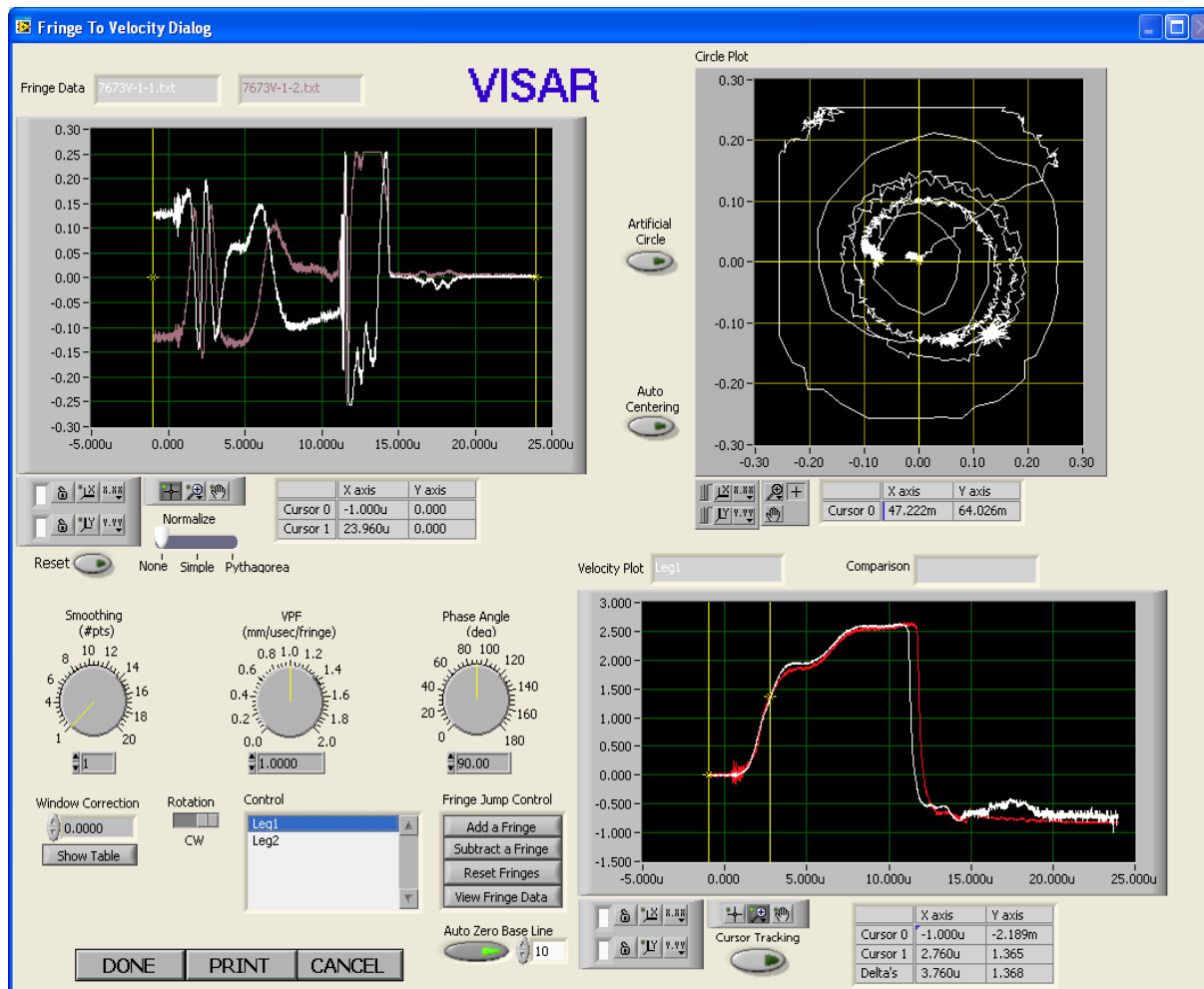


# PlotData's History and File Dialog Box

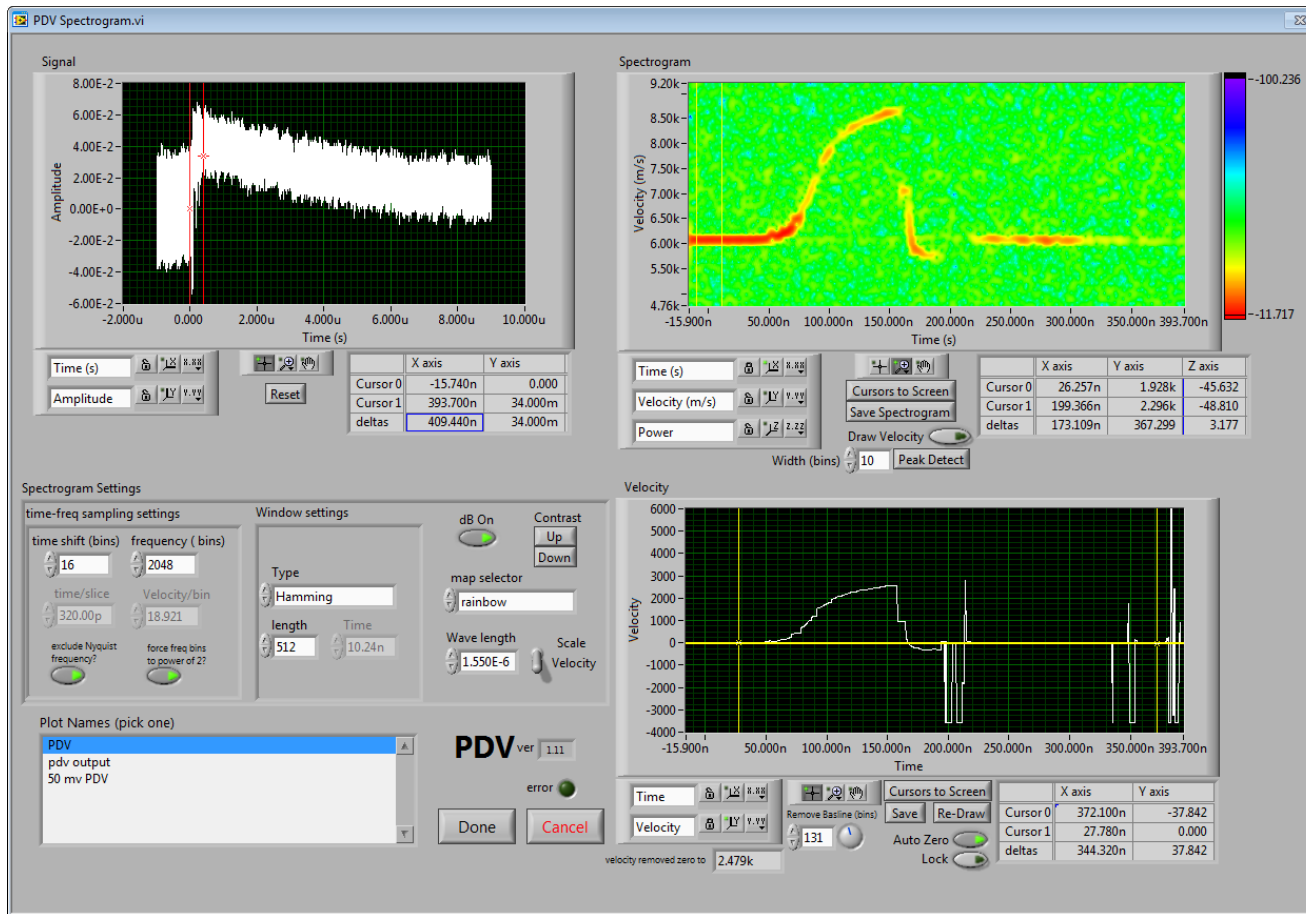




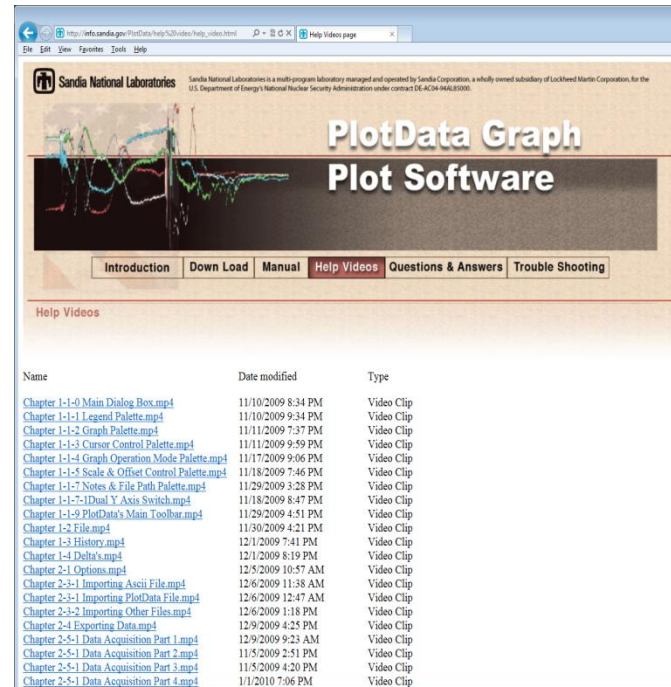
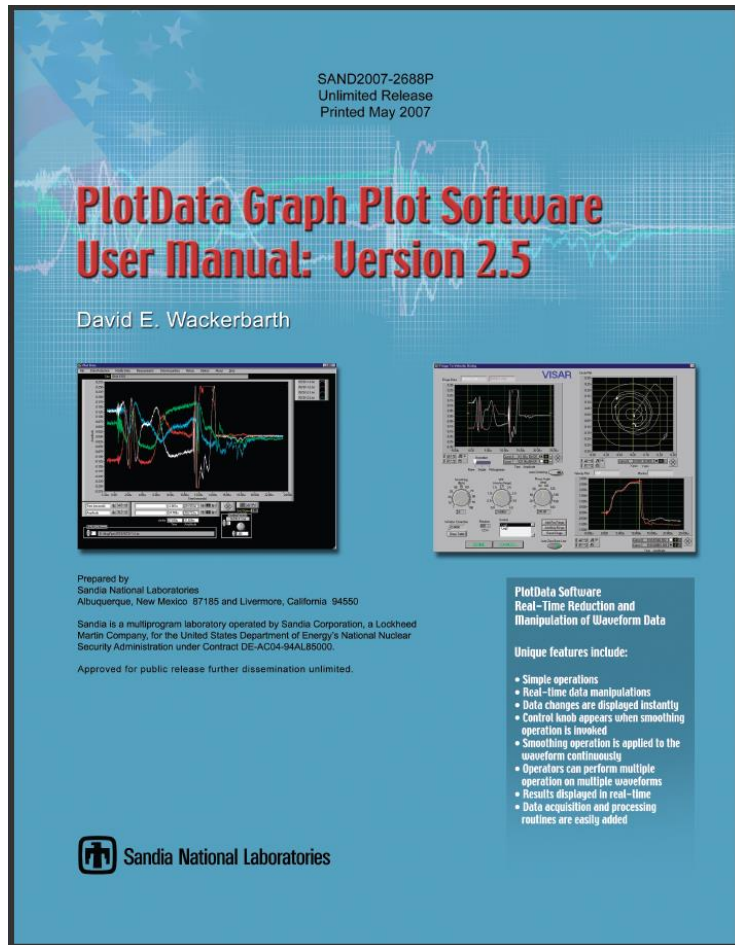
# VISAR Data Reduction



# PDV Data Reduction



# Help Manual and Video Files





# Obtaining PlotData

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- **Sandia-** go to Sandia's home page and search for PlotData, down load
- **Other government agencies-** contact David Wackerbarth, fill out form.
- **Contract with Sandia-** contact David Wackerbarth, fill out form.
- **All others-** purchase from Valyn V.I.P Inc.

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